

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph after the heading **Detailed Description of the Invention:**

**[0015]** As a preliminary matter, it is noted that, in the following description, like reference numbers appearing in different drawing figures refer to like elements/features. Often, therefore, like elements/features that appear in different drawing figures will not be described in detail with respect to each of the drawing figures.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0016]** FIG. 1 illustrates a plurality of quasi-coax transmission lines 100, 102 formed in accordance with the teachings of Casey, et al.'s patent application entitled "Methods for Making Microwave Circuits", cross-referenced *supra*. As defined herein, a quasi-coax transmission line 100 comprises a conductor 104, the cross-section of which is shielded ~~406, 408~~(e.g., by shields 106, 108) in a non-symmetrical fashion.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0025]** FIG. 9 illustrates an exemplary method 900 for forming the shielded transmission lines 200, 202 shown in FIGS. 2-4. To begin, a plurality of conductors 204, 206 are deposited ~~[[902]]~~(at step 902) on a layer of dielectric 208 that is positioned above a first ground shield 214. A mound of dielectric 210, 212 is then deposited ~~[[904]]~~(at step 904) over each conductor 204, 206. Thereafter, a second ground shield 216 is deposited ~~[[906]]~~(at step 906) over the mounds of dielectric 210, 212. Optionally, a plurality of conductive vias 400, 402, 404, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516 may be formed ~~[[908]]~~(at step 908) in the layer of dielectric 208 prior to depositing the mounds of dielectric 210, 212 on the layer (and possibly, prior to depositing the conductors 204, 206). As shown in FIG. 5, the conductive vias 400,

402, 404, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516 may contact the first ground shield 214, and may be formed at points about the plurality of conductors 204, 206. If the conductive vias 400, 402, 404, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516 are formed, the mounds of dielectric 210, 212 and second ground shield 216 are preferably deposited (e.g., sized and spaced) to ensure contact between the second ground shield 216 and the conductive vias 400, 402, 404, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516. Also optionally, ground pads 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624 and/or ground traces 700, 702, 704 may be deposited [[910]](at step 910) on the layer of dielectric 208 so as to contact the conductive vias 400, 402, 404, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516.